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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PRESS SKEPTICAL ABOUT SC 425

SUMMARY: AFTER A DAY'S REFLECTION (AND CRITICISM BY THE PLO), WEST BANK COMMENTATORS MARCH 21 ADOPTED A SKEPTICAL AND PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF SC 425, IN PARTICULAR, AND THE US AND ARAB STATES' POSITIONS, IN GENERAL. END SUMMARY

1. SC 425. "AL QUDS" (MODERATE AND PRO-JORDANIAN) PREDICTED: "AS IT WAS IN JUNE (1967), WILL IT BE IN MARCH (1978). AS ON THE WEST BANK, GOLAN AND THE SINAI, SO IN SOUTH LEBANON." NOTING ISRAELI PRECONDITIONS TO WITHDRAWAL, "AL QUDS" AND "ASH'AB" (INDEPENDENT) FORESEE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FORCES WILL, IN FACT, BE STATIONED ON THE LITANI AND THAT SOME FORM OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF THE SOUTH WILL CONTINUE.

2. US POSITION. "AL FAJR" (LEFTIST AND PRO-PLO) TAKES UNCLASSIFIED

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DIRECT AIM AT AMERICA (WHICH IS BEHIND ALL THE CATASTROPHIES OF THE REGIONS'S PEOPLES BECUASE IT DELIBERATELY IGNORED THE FACTS OF THE STRUGGLE (I.E. PALESTINIAN RIGHTS)... " "ASH'AB" BELIEVES "WASHINGTON AGREES WITH ISRAEL ON THE NECESSITY OF LIQUIDATING PALESTINIAN PRESENCE SOUTH OF THE LITANI."

3. ARAB STATES. SCORN IS DIRECTED AT THE ARAB STATES
WHICH MEET, ACCORING TO "AL QUDS," "TO DISCUSS HOW SOUTH
LEBANON'S FUNERAL CAN BE ARRANGED WITH AS LITTLE GRIEF
AS POSSIBLE." EVER ATTUNED TO SUBTLER POSSIBILITIES,
"ASH'AB" BELIEVES ONE ARAB STATE (EGYPT?) SEES IN THE
RESULTS OF ISRAEL'S ATTACK "THE PAVING OF THE WAY FOR
ITS HELP FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT."
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